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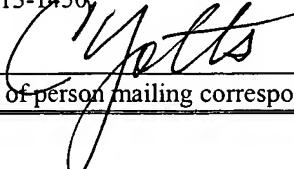
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Applicants request entry of the Reply to Office Action filed on January 12, 2006.

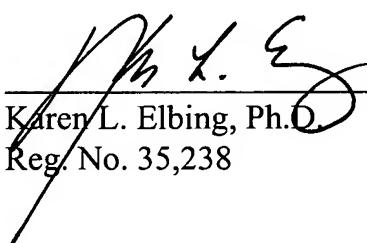
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Applicants further note that the Form PTO 1449 that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement, filed on October 16, 2002 and received by the Patent Office on October 21, 2002, has not been initialed and returned and hereby request that it be initialed and returned with the next Office action.

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